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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 6-29-60

Call letters E.Q.A.Q.
Station Location: Austin, Minnesota

AUSTIN BROADCASTING CO. (AL 9-30-74 EFF: 10-27-59) 11--29-74)
x K Q A Q, INC. (BAP 10-21-59, EFF: 10-27-59)

Name of licenseex GEORGE A. HORMEL II

On County Hwy. #16, 2 miles NE of Austin, Minnesota (Let. 2-18-60)

EX On State Hwy 16 2 mi. NE of Austin, Minnesota (EMP 12-23-58

Transmitter location X On U.S. Highway 218. 6.5 mile North of Austin, Minnesota (CP 9-19-57)

Same as transmitter. (BL 6-29-60)

XTo be determined, Austin, Minnesota (BMP 12-23-58

Main studio location X On U.S. Highway 218, O.5 mile North of Austin, Minnesota (CP 9-19-57)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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Form BU 126
June 1954 CARD #2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed	Call letters KQAQ
	Station location AUSTIN, MINNESOTA
Name of licensee KQAQ, INC.	
Transmitter location	

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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BR-3875(L) 3-29-74 Renewal of License 4-1-	.77
BAL- 8204 9-30-74 VOL. AL EFF: 11-29-74	
BZ-8665(L) 10-21-7+ Direct Measurement	4-1-77
BS-3875(L) 12-19-74 readjustment of antenna system	m 4-1-77
BR-3875(S) 1-27-78 Renewal of License 4-1-8	30
BR791130UK(S) 3-25-80 Renewal of License 4-1-	-83

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Letters KQAQ

Name GEORGE A. HORMEL II (P.O. - c/o Hormel Estate, R.R. #5, Austin, Minnesota)

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature Date
BP-10,673 Rec'd Filed Resubm'd Rec'd Filed	5-24-56 6-7-66 -6-7-56 6-25-56 6-27-56 6-27-56	Construction permit for a new standard broad- cast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1220kc 970kc Power - 500w DA-D 1kw Hours of operation - Daytime Same as studio; Transmitter location - On Hormel Estate, O. wi nor h of U.S. Hay 16, can East Edge of Austin, Minn. Studio location - On Hernel Estate, C.f. M. N. US Fwy. 16, On E. Edge of Austin, M. Engr Ralph J. Bitzer, St. Louis, Mo.	GRANTED 9-19-57 Authorization not issue Effective date of grant postponed and designated for evidentiary hearing on 11-20-57. Doc. 12252
AMENDED Rec'd AMENDMENT Rec'd Filed SEE CARD	8-31-56 9-5-56 9-5-56 2-27-57 3-1-57 3-1-57	AMENDED to change antenna- O.75 mi. N. of US Hay. 16, Fast Edge of Austin, Minn. AMENDED to change power to lkw, change type transmitter (Gates BC 1J); and make changes in DA system (Two add 1 towers). Atty Harry J. Daly	in Docket 12252 termin- ited and hearing ismissed 2-12-59. This was because the ecessity for a hearing as eliminated by the rant of HMP7935 by the ommission on 12-23-58.

FORM BC-121 #2 Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name GEORGE A. HORMEL II

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	on Date
AMENDMENT R & F	3-5-57 3-7-57	AMENDED to change frequency to 970kc; change antenna-transmitter and studio location to On U.S. Highway 218, 0.5 mile North of Austin, Minn., make changes in DA system (incr. hght) and ground system.		
PROTEST AN (Robert &	D PETITION I	APPLICANT NOW REPRESENTED BY Berge, Fox & Aren by Harry M. Plotkin (Let. 8-29-57) OR RECONSIDERATION FILED 10-21-57 by Weseman, P. S.) SEE CARD #3 for further petitions		
BMP-7935 Rec'd Filed	10-17-57 10-29-57 10-29-57	Modification of construction permit (BP-10673 which auth, a new standard broadcast station) conto change antenna-transmitter location to just NE of Hormol Estate, Austin, Minn.; make changes in DA pattern, change studio location	ond'l re: F	equip.; Da
AMENDMENT R & F SEE CARD #3	11-5-57 11-6-57 for amend.	AMENDED to change studio location to To be	onstruction	

Call Letters KQA

Name JEORGE A. HORMEL II

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature Date	
REPLY TO OF 11-7-57 by	TO PROTEST A POSITION AND E. D. Johnst	ND PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION FILED 10-31-57 AMENDMENT TO PROTEST AND PETITION FOR SECONSI on for KAUS	DERATION filed	
		EST AND PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION" filed 11. DISMISS PROTEST FILED 11-13-57 by Roberts & Jo		for KQAQ
		George A. Hormel II no longer represented by Harry J. Daly, per letter dated 12-2-57.		
BMP-7935 AMENDMENT R & F	4-9-58 4-11-58	AMENDED to increase power to 5kw; change antennations. location to On State Highway 16, two mile northeast of Austin, Minn; make changes in DA system(one add'l tower); changes in ground system in the system of th	RANTED 12-23-58	3
SEE CARD#L	FOR AMENDME 8-18-58 9 2-58	Atty Berge, Fox & Arent Engr Ralph J. Bitzer St. Louis, Mo. AMENDED TO make changes in DA pattern.		

FORM BC-121#4

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Aug. 1955 K Q A Q, INC.

Name XGEORGE A. HORMEL II

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File No. BMP-7935 (continued and animal ani	Dated ontinued) 11-1-58 11-3-58	Application for AMENDED to make changes in DA system.	Nature GRANTED	Date 12-23-58
BMP-8636 R & F	7-22-59 7-24-59	Modification of C. P. (BMP-7935 which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 8-23-59 to 2-23-60 Atty's: Berge, Fox & Arent	GRANTED to	8-13-59 2-23-60
BAP-455 Rec'd. Filed	9-16-59 9-17-59 9-17-59	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to K Q A Q, Inc. Berge, Fox & Arent, Attys.	GRANTED EFF:	10-21-59
BMP-8831 R & F	12-14-59 12-14-59	Modification of C. P. (EP-10673 as modified which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter (Collins Radio Co. 21-E)	GRANTED	1-13-60

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name KQAQ, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BMP-R	1-21-60	Modification of C. P. (BP-10673 as modified which auth. a new standard b/c station) to change modulation and frequency monitors Atty: Harry M. Plotkin	2-1-6	ned as unnecessar
BMP-8931 R & F	3-16-60 3-16-60	Modification of C. P. (BP-10673 as modified which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 4-23-60 to 6-23-60. Atty's: Berge, Fox & Arent	DISAISS Unneces.	1 1-25-60 ry
BL-7901 Rec'd Filed	4-5-60 4-5-60 4-5-60	License to cover construction permit (BP-10673, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadenst station and to specify studio location as On County Highway 16, 2 miles ME of Austin, himnesota.	GRANTED	6-29-60
		Sene A. Bechtel, Atty.		

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Name KCAC	N. MINNESOT	<u> </u>		
File No. BP-14,637 Rec'd Filed	Dated 1-16-61 1-17-61 1-17-61	CP to change hours of operation from Daytime to Unlimited using power of 500w-5kwLS, and change from DA-D to DA-2 Atty Berge, Fox and Arent Eng Walter F. Kean, Riverside, Ill.	GRANTED e Cond'l r Field me non-DA p shall su applic.	6-20-62 re: Phase Mon., ras. equip., DA a roof. Permittee bait with the for license.
BR-3875 Rec'd Filed	1-2-62 1-2-62 1-2-62	Renewal of license	GRANTED	6-19-62
BL-9870 R. & F.	10-20-62	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,637) which auth chg hou of operation from Day to Unlimited and chg from DA-D to Da-2. Atty- Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn *Note: suppl 302's filed 10-22-63	GRANTED	6-29-64

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Name K Q A Q, Inc.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BR-3875 Rec'd Filed	12-26-64 12-28-64 12-28-64	Renewal of license Atty. George H. Shapiro	GRANTED	3-4-65
BR-3875 h & F JAN 251	12-11-67	Renewal of license. Atty: Gene A. Bechtel	GRANTED	3-29-68
BR-3875 R & F	12-28-70 12-31-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Wm.L.Rawn, III, Atty. (Arent, Fox & Kahn)	GRANTED	3-25-71
PN Recd. PRESS JAN 18 1971	"	AMENDED 2-4-71 re: engineering statement		
BR-3875 R & F	12-28-73 1-2-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 2-15-74 re: EEO	GRANTED	3-29-74
PN Recd. PRESS	15 JAN 1974			
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AUSTIN BROADCASTING CO.

Name XKQAQ, INC.

Austin, Minnesota

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File No. BAL-820h R & F FEE PD: \$100 CODE Oh7 Pub.notice	Dated 7-15-74 7-16-74 00 #325937 filed 8-5-7	Application for Voluntary assignment of license to AUSTIN BROADCASTING CO. (SEE OVER) Atty for assignor - Arent. For etc for assignee - Samuel Miller AMENDED 9-4-74 re: Financial data	GRANTED GRANT FI GRANT FI EFF: FEE PD. 1	
BZ-8665 R & F Amend Amend DM PRESS 2 1 38 BR-3875 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	9-18-74 -	Direct Measurement artial proof of performance engr. data RENEWAL OF LICENSE Samuel Miller, Atty. AMENDED 3-22-77 re: programming & commercial matter F.C.C. WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED	1-27-78

RE: BAL-820h - NOTED: Assignee is Iowa corp - Cert of Auth db in Minn. necessary; eteck sub. agreement nec.

Call Letters: K Q A Q

Name: AUSTIN BROADCASTING CO.

Station Location: AUSTIN, MINNESOTA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
791130 UK ESS JAN 3 1	80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED 3-25-8
			Form BC-121 March 1979

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only one set is known to exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional h andwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

